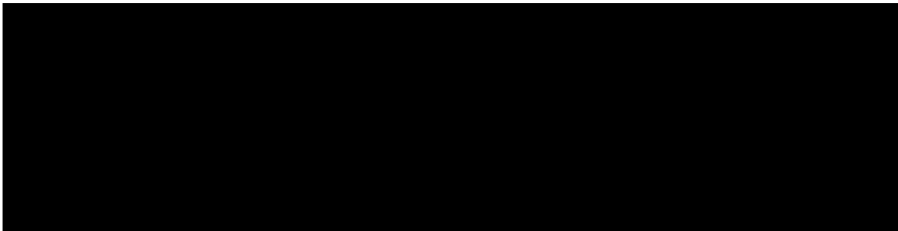


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My dear Mr. Staats:

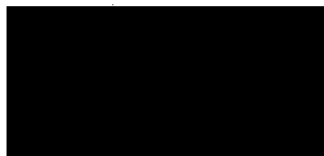
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 5 May 1948, requesting the comments of this Agency on S. 1004, an Act "To amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 so as to grant specific authority to the Senate members of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy to require investigations by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the character, associations, and loyalty of persons nominated for appointment by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to offices established by such Act."

Section 102 (d) (3) of the National Security Act of 1947 specifically provides that the Central Intelligence Agency "shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal security functions." From a reading of the attached bill, it would appear that its provisions relate solely to internal security, in that it provides for the investigation of the character, associations and loyalty of persons whose nomination by the President to the Atomic Energy Commission must be confirmed by the Senate.

Inasmuch as the bill concerns itself solely with internal security, this Agency is prohibited by law from participating in the matter. Therefore, I consider that it would not be appropriate for this Agency to comment on the merits of the enrolled enactment.

The courtesy of this referral is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
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